

Prescriptions

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I have not done a careful comparison of the numbers provided by DFG to the ones in the Native Fishes Recovery Plan, but for Deer and Mill creeks alone it is a jump from 500 fish necessary to 5,000. Terry and Dick, what are the ramifications of these numbers on our targets etc?

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>Subject: MSCS species goal prescription for spring-run salmon
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>Mr. Mike Fris
>Mr. Karl Halupka
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>At the MSCS meeting today (May 19, 1999), we discussed Agency
>comments on the draft MSCS document. In regard to the revised
>species goal prescription for Sacramento spring-run chinook salmon,
>both NMFS and USFWS cautioned against using DFG's suggested
>recovery goal target numbers described in our revised comments on the
>Administrative Draft MSCS (sent on May 17, 1999). Both NMFS and
>USFWS said we should use the Restoration Criteria described in the
>Recovery Plan for the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Native Fishes
>(USFWS 1995) for the interim, until NMFS completes the Multi-species
>Recovery Plan for Pacific salmon and steelhead. It was felt the Delta
>Native Fishes plan criteria could serve as a defensible placeholder since
>the plan has been reviewed and published. A methodology for
>developing quantified recovery criteria, similar to what was done for
>winter-run chinook salmon, would be described in the MSCS. NMFS felt
>it was not prudent to use recovery criteria suggested by DFG which
>have not been peer reviewed.
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>I discussed the issue with Mr. Ron Rempel and he strongly urged that
>DFG's recommendations be incorporated into the MSCS. He said it is
>preferable to include criteria that biologists estimate are necessary for
>recovery of spring-run, based on best professional judgement and our
>current understanding spring-run population genetics. If we use the
>numbers in the Delta Native Fishes recovery plan and later learn through
>the NMFS Multi-species Recovery planning effort that the criteria for
>spring-run are too low, politically it will be very difficult to increase
these
>numbers and we would have to initiate reconsultation on the MSCS.
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>In summary, the species goal prescription and targets recommended by
>DFG for Sacramento spring-run chinook salmon should be included in
>the draft MSCS document. The public will have an opportunity to
>comment on these targets when the MSCS goes out for review. DFG
>will assume that its recommended recovery criteria for spring-run will
>be incorporated into the MSCS unless we hear from you before the end
>of business Friday, May 21, 1999. If you have any questions please call
>me.

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